

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 5:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 09/084,371, filed May 27, 1998, the content of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 5 ("FIGS. 5A, 5B and 5B . . .") with the following amended paragraph:

--FIGS. 5A, 5B and ~~[[5B]]~~ 5C show the concentration dependence of haptotactic peptide uptake to cells as determined by FACS analysis. Figure 5A shows the rate of binding of $C\beta^{FITC}$ (SEQ ID NO:1) and $C\alpha E^{FITC}$ (SEQ ID NO:3) showing fast equilibrium within 5 minutes. Figure 5B shows a dose response of $C\beta^{FITC}$ (SEQ ID NO:1) and $C\alpha E^{FITC}$ (SEQ ID NO:3) showing binding to HF and BAEC in concentrations of up to 40 μ M, assayed after incubation for 1hr with peptides at 4°C. Figure 5C shows the effect of elevated concentrations of unlabeled $C\beta$ (SEQ ID NO:1) on the uptake of $C\beta^{FITC}$ --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 19 ("FIG 7 shows the lack. . .") with the following amended paragraph:

--FIG. 7 shows the lack or proliferative response of HF exposed to the active $C\beta$ (SEQ ID NO:1) panel C, $C\alpha E$ (SEQ ID NO:3) panel B, and pre $C\gamma$ (SEQ ID NO:2) panel E, peptides versus the less active $C\alpha$ (SEQ ID NO:4) panel A and $C\gamma$ (SEQ ID NO:5) panel D peptides that served as negative controls. The peptides were tested in a concentration of 0.4 nM - 4 μ M in 96 well plates with the MTS proliferation assay. Clearly none of these peptides stimulated or inhibited proliferation at any concentration. --